

(b) To review petitions for formation of shore erosion control districts presented to any of the counties or Baltimore City and to report to the counties or Baltimore City as provided by Section 167B of Article 25 of this Code.

(c) To provide technical assistance to individual property owners, municipalities and counties having specific shore and bank erosion problems.

(d) To design, or cause to be designed, shore erosion control structures, including vegetative cover, in shore erosion control districts.

(e) To enter into agreements with persons, corporations, municipalities or counties for construction of shore erosion control structures.

(f) To administer the State Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund to provide loans to persons, municipalities or counties in support of construction of shore erosion control structures.

(g) To supervise or make provision for the supervising of the design and erection of all shore protective devices financed wholly or in part by the State Shore Erosion Construction Loan Fund.

(h) To prepare requests for appropriation of funds necessary to maintain the State Shore Erosion Control Construction Fund.

(i) To cooperate with the following agencies:

(1) The State Roads Commission for shore erosion control where essential to protect municipal, county or State roads.

(2) The United States Army Corps of Engineers for the conduct of shore erosion studies.

(3) The Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, in evaluation and application of vegetative measures for shore erosion control.

(j) To design, construct and maintain shore erosion control works on state-owned lands [when such projects are included in the annual budget for the Shore Erosion Construction Loan Fund].

(k) To promulgate regulations for the administration and implementation of this subtitle.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That Section 757(e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Shore Erosion Control," be and it is hereby repealed.

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[(e) Upon the recommendation of the Department of Natural Resources, the Board of Public Works may, by resolution, authorize the establishment of a shore erosion control district. In this event, it shall be mandatory for all property owners within the district to participate in the shore erosion control project.]

SEC. 3 2. *Be it further enacted*, That new Section 758A(f) be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland